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**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Uve Hansmann, et al.
Serial Number	:	09/667,010
Filing Date	:	September 21, 2000
Examiner	:	Aravind K. Moorthy
Group Art Unit	:	2131
For	:	HARDWARE-ORIENTED CONFIGURATION AND LOCKING OF DEVICES

TO: The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated May 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection of claims 1 – 4, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,084,968 to Kennedy, et al.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review his interpretation of the Kennedy et al. reference and the manner in which he has applied same to the claims in the instant application. By virtue of the nature of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), the Examiner is asserting that